This Side Of The Sun

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I thought I'd be an angel And fly on astral skies I thought I'd wear a fanciful disguise And It's taken me a lotta time To find out I'm not one An outlaw on the run, On this side of the sun.

I hoped I'd be a champion And live without a care I thought I'd change the world, Make it just and fair But my youth slipped by before my eyes Much to my surprise Before I had begun, On this side of the sun.

Out on this end of the wind Winter's coming 'round the bend You pray for rain, before you know, You're standin' in a foot of snow So you pull your coat up to your chin Pick your shovel up again 'Cause your work is never done, On this side of the sun.

I took it to a fortune teller I thought that she might help me She looked into my eyes And smiled mysteriously But she didn't know as much as me I stared back, dejectedly 'Cause I know where she's from, This side of the sun.

Out behind these prison walls, Dark clouds come and hard rains fall You pause a moment for a dream, They row you gently down the stream You wake up angry in the night, Jump up, ready for the fight But the war is never won On this side of the sun.

Now they tell me music Can free a person's soul So I sing a song everywhere I go But It's not much different than before I'm still looking for the door I wonder if there is one, On this side of the sun...